

CASE SUMMARY

This person is certified (Jailer 07-22-03). The officer was hired by an agency on 09-17-01 and terminated on 04-20-05 for Violation of Agency Policies. The officer had been previously warned that he/she would be terminated if his/her personal business again interfered with his/her employment.

A law enforcement officer responded on 02-12-04 to a complaint of terroristic threats. The officer's spouse reported that the officer had threatened to kill him/her because the spouse was getting a roommate of the opposite gender to live with the spouse and their child. The officer denied making the threat. No criminal charges arose from the incident. The officer and spouse were counseled by a supervisor on 02-13-04 regarding the incident. After two hours of discussion, the spouse admitted the officer had not used the word "kill".

On 04-18-05, the officer's spouse made a complaint that the officer had confronted him/her outside of a classroom at a college. The officer had just gotten off duty and was wearing his/her agency uniform and a firearm at the time of the incident. The spouse said the officer grabbed him/her by the shoulder and tried to pull him/her down the hallway while insisting in a demanding voice that they needed to talk. The spouse pulled away from the officer and shortly thereafter drove to the employing agency. After the spouse was interviewed, the officer was instructed to report to the agency. When the officer arrived, he/she was not wearing a firearm.

The internal investigation revealed that the officer had spent the previous weekend in another state with his/her brother and another person. Upon their return, the officer stayed with a friend of the opposite gender rather than going home. The officer went to work around 6:00 a.m. but requested to leave work early that day around 2:30 p.m. Upon his/her return home, the officer discovered that all of his/her clothing was missing and that the house had been rearranged. The officer went to the college to locate the spouse to discuss their marital problems. The officer admitting putting his/her hand on the spouse's shoulder and gesturing for the spouse to go with him/her. The spouse began yelling at the officer and stated that he/she was going to contact the officer's supervisor. An incident report was also filed with the college police department.

The officer was asked if he/she was wearing a weapon during the incident. The agency had not issued a weapon to the officer. The officer became nervous and repeated the question twice before answering, "no". The officer also said the weapon was not in his/her vehicle and consented for the vehicle to be searched. The officer stated he/she did own a firearm but had left it in the truck in which he/she had ridden to the other state during the weekend. The description of the weapon matched the description provided by the spouse.

The owner of the truck witnessed the meeting between the officer and spouse in the college hallway but said he did not see any type of altercation. He said he did not remember or notice if the officer was wearing a firearm. He said the officer left the firearm in his truck during their trip but that it had been removed and placed in his residence when they returned to town.

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On 04-19-05, the agency received a call from the manager of a business that received and recycled used clothing. He said the officer, the spouse and the officer's mother had come to the business looking for the officer's clothing left there by the spouse. Their behavior was described as rude and threatening.

The officer's response is submitted as Attachment A.

The officer is not currently employed in law enforcement.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

DATE: 09-05-04
OFFENSE: Violation of three agency policies: Third traffic offense (speeding 80/55) after a verbal warning, failure to update phone numbers, non-payment of debts
ACTION TAKEN: 3 days suspension, 90 days probation, moved to booking officer

DATE: 01-31-03
OFFENSE: Interference with internal investigation
ACTION TAKEN: Conference

DRIVER'S HISTORY

DATE: 06-03-02
OFFENSE: Excessive Radio Volume
DISPOSITION: Fined \$80.00 plus costs

DATE: 10-05-01
OFFENSE: Following too closely
DISPOSITION: Fined \$200.00 plus costs

DATE: 09-14-00
OFFENSE: Excessive Radio Volume
DISPOSITION: Fined \$280.00 plus costs and six months probation

DATE: 07-16-00
OFFENSE: Excessive Radio Volume
DISPOSITION: Fined \$70.00 plus costs

DATE: 06-25-99
OFFENSE: Excessive Radio Volume
DISPOSITION: Fined \$40.00 plus costs (bond forfeiture)

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DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

None noted.

Recommendation to Council:
pursuant to O.C.G.A. 35-8-7.1(6,7,8,11)

Council Action:

24 Months Probation Upon Rehire

Public Reprimand

Mike Yeager

PCC Chairman

Date: February 2, 2006

Council Chairman
Date:

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